LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that a letter has been received from Shri Rajeev Shukla stating that he will be unable to attend the House as he has to proceed to England as Head of the Indian cricket team for the forthcoming Natwest series. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please, let me finish. ...*(Interruptions)*.. He has, therefore, requested for grant of leave of absence from 20th August to 9th September of the current session. ...*(Interruptions)*...

Does he have the permission of the House to remain absent from 20th August to 9th September of the current session?

(No Hon. Member dissented)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE REHABILITATION COUNCIL OF INDIA

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): Sir, I move the following Motion:

"That in pursuance of clause (h) of sub-section (3) of Section 3, read with sub-section (1) of Section 4 of the Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992 (No. 34 of 1992), this House do proceed to elect in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from among the Members of the House, to be a Member of the Rehabilitation Council of India".

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: A number of matters have been mentioned to be raised with the permission of the Chair. Shri Jaswant Singh, the Leader of the Opposition.

MATTER RAISED WITH PERMISSION

Indo-US Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have been endeavouring to raise this issue for several days and, for one reason or another, I was not able to do so. I do not wish to revisit that rather unpleasant chapter as to why I was prevented from saying what I wish to share with the House. I refer here, Sir, to the Chair, who is also good enough just now to give a ruling on how the discussion, when it takes place, on the Indo-US Nuclear Agreement is to be done. Now this Agreement has become an issue really of mounting concern and it is a matter that has turned extremely curious. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL (Gujarat): Sir, are we discussing Nuclear Deal? ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, are we discussing Nuclear Deal? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please allow the hon. Member to proceed. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please allow the hon. Member to proceed. ...*(Interruptions)*...